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LOAN TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessed the loans disbursed by the Public Sector Banks to the farmers during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 as on date, bank-wise;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the percentage of loan disbursed to farmers in comparison to industries and other sector during the said period;

(d) whether the Government, is considering to issue guidelines to Public Sector Banks to increase the limit on the amount of loan given to farmers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. The disbursement to agriculture by public sector banks in 2004- 05 and 2005-06 is given in Annexnre.

(c) : Advances made by Public Sector Banks during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 to different sectors is as under:-

(Rs.Cmre)

Items	2003-04	2004-05
Agriculture	84,435 (15.1)	1,12,475 (15.7)
Small Scale Industries	57,311(10.4)	67,634(9.4)
Other		
Priority Sector Advances	1,01,710 (18.1)	1,29.934 (18.1)
Total Priority Sector	2,44,456 (43.6)	3,10,093 (43.2)
Non Priority Sector	3,16,354 (56.4)	4,07.211
Net Bank Credit	6,60,810	7,17,304

Note ; Figures in brackets shows the amouni as a % of Net Bank Credit.

(d)&(e) : No, Sir. The scale of finance is decided by banks in consultation with District Level Technical Consultative Committee (DLTCC)